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Stephen M. Birken

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Values

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office. This matter was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 22, 2002.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65641-0017 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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